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Your Ref:
My Ref:
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19 May 2016

Dear Mr Cox

William John Charles HARNELL

Thank you for your letter of the 16 February 2016 to Trevor Doughty which has been passed to me for reply and also for your subsequent letter to me of the 5 May 2016.
We received the copy of the Regulation 28 Report regarding Mr Harnell dated September 2015, in February this year.

I can confirm that we have a dedicated Social Work Service working in Derriford Hospital and that staff have been reminded of the requirements to seek timely placements for people who need such placements. The staff working in the Hospital are dedicated and committed. These cases are often complex and need careful management. In response to the matters of concern cited in the Report:

- The team in the Hospital works closely with Health colleagues to determine the appropriate care. The team will work with Health colleagues to seek mental health input as required for any future cases.
- We acknowledge that on occasion there may be delays; however with our robust Senior Management oversight I do not expect such delays in future.
- I can confirm that this Local Authority is able to fund placements that fall within its remit.
- I note the comment about guidance to assist staff in such cases and am asking for this guidance to be produced and disseminated.

I apologise for the further delay there has been in sending this reply. Please come back to me if you have any further queries

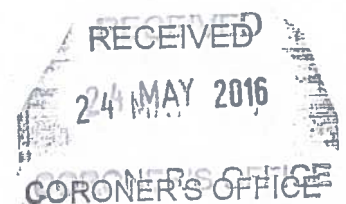
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